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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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Juusei MATSUMOTO, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/743,865

EXAMINER: TAWFIK, SAMEH

FILED: December 24, 2003

FOR: PALLET PACKING METHOD AND PALLET PACKING TOOL USED IN
THE METHOD

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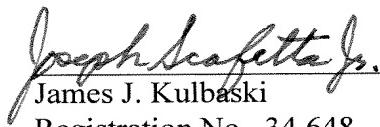
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The purpose of this communication is to inform you that the above-identified application is being withdrawn from issue pursuant to 37 CFR 1.313.

The application is being withdrawn to permit reopening of prosecution.
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The application is being forwarded to the examiner for prompt action.

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TITLE OF INVENTION: **PACKING METHOD AND PACKING TOOL USED IN THE METHOD** PALLET PACKING METHOD AND PALLET
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APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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TAWFIK, SAMEH	3721	053-449000

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